

### § 3.402

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dependency is received within 1 year of notification of such rating action.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 5110(f))

(4) Date of commencement of veteran's award. (Other increases, see § 3.400(o). For school attendance see § 3.667.)

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 5110 (f), (n))

(c) *Divorce of veteran and spouse.* See § 3.501(d).

(d) *Institutional awards (§ 3.852)*—(1) *Chief officer of non-Department of Veterans Affairs hospital or institution.* From first day of month in which award is approved or day following date of last payment to veteran, whichever is later.

NOTE: If apportionment under §§ 3.452(c) and 3.454 is in order or payment under § 3.850(a), Personal Funds of Patients account will not be set up but difference withheld for dependents.

(2) *Director of a Department of Veterans Affairs medical center or domiciliary.* From day following date of last payment to veteran where veteran previously received payments. On initial or resumed payments from date of entitlement to benefits subject to any amounts payable to or withheld for apportionments for dependents.

(e) *Retirement pay (§ 3.750)*—(1) *Election.* Date of entitlement if timely filed. Subject to prior payments of retirement pay.

(2) *Waiver.* Day following date of discontinuance or reduction of retirement pay.

(3) *Reelection.* Day the reelection is received by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(f) *Service pension (§ 3.3(a)).* Date of receipt of claim.

(g) *Tuberculosis, special compensation for arrested.* As of the date the graduated evaluation of the disability or compensation for that degree of disablement combined with other service-connected disabilities would provide compensation payable at a rate less than \$67. See § 3.350(g).

(h) *Temporary increase "General Policy in Rating," 1945 Schedule for Rating Disabilities*—(1) *Section 4.29 of this chapter.* Date of entrance into hospital, after 21

days of continuous hospitalization for treatment.

(2) *Section 4.30 of this chapter.* Date of entrance into hospital, after discharge from hospitalization (regular or release to non-bed care).

(i) *Increased disability pension based on attainment of age 78.* First day of the month during which veteran attains age 78.

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### § 3.402 Surviving spouse.

Awards of pension, compensation, or dependency and indemnity compensation to or for a surviving spouse will be effective as follows:

(a) *Additional allowance of dependency and indemnity compensation for children § 3.5(e).* Commencing date of surviving spouse's award. See § 3.400(c).

(b) *Legal surviving spouse entitled.* See § 3.657.

(c) *Aid and attendance and housebound benefits.* (1) Date of receipt of claim or date entitlement arose whichever is later. However, when an award of dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) or pension based on an original or reopened claim is effective for a period prior to date of receipt of the claim, any additional DIC or pension payable to the surviving spouse by reason of need for aid and attendance or housebound status shall also be awarded for any part of the award's retroactive period for which entitlement to the additional benefit is established.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501; 5110(d))

(2) Date of departure from hospital, institutional or domiciliary care at Department of Veterans Affairs expense. This is applicable only to aid and attendance benefits. Housebound benefits may be awarded during hospitalization at Department of Veterans Affairs expense.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501)

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